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By Mrs. Parente of Milford, petition of Marie J. Parente relative to  
judicial proceedings for pregnant minors. The Judiciary.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

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AN ACT RELATIVE TO JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS FOR MINORS.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General  
Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 Section 12S of Chapter 112 of the General Laws is hereby  
2 amended by adding after the tenth sentence in the second para-  
3 graph the following text:

4 “The parent or guardian of the pregnant minor may participate  
5 in the judicial bypass hearing if: (1) the participation of a parent  
6 or guardian would not delay the commencement of the proceed-  
7 ings and (2) the court determines that the pregnant minor is not  
8 mature and that the participation of a parent or guardian would not  
9 be against the pregnant minor’s best interests. A parent or  
10 guardian may participate in the proceedings only for the following  
11 two purposes:

12 (1) to provide medical or other related information that pertains  
13 to the pregnant minor’s physical, emotional or psychological well-  
14 being and that is relevant to the question of whether an abortion  
15 would be in the best interest of the pregnant minor; or

16 (2) to consult with the pregnant minor when the court deter-  
17 mines that the consultation would be in the pregnant minor’s best  
18 interest.”